

**Minutes of the
Utah Technology Industry Council Meeting
Held November 18, 2004 The DCED Offices**

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 am. In attendance were:

Voting Members Present:

Stan Lockhart	- Chair
Rod Linton	- State of Utah-DCED
Michael Paul	- GenData
Tom Bingham	- UMA
Brad Bertoch	- Wayne Brown Institute
Rich Nelson	- UITA
David Nicponski	- ATK Aerospace (for Kevin Cummings)

Other Attendees:

Bryce Wallace	- Deseret News
Mark Renda	- State of Utah-DCED
Sharon Cox	- State of Utah-DCED

Welcome: The chairman called the meeting to order at 8:10am and welcomed all present. He then asked each member to give an update on what was happening in their organizations.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved with minor changes.

Communication with new Governor: The Chairman informed the members that the Governor's transition team requested a meeting with representatives of UTIC. He suggested that it would be better for them to meet with the larger group. This was agreed upon. He asked Committee Chairs to prepare reports to give to the transition team.

2005 Legislative Agenda: The chairman explained that there would be heavy competition for funds this year, therefore funding for the Centers of Excellence Program needed to be a high priority item for UTIC. He asked Brad Bertoch and Rod Linton to prepare a report on the Centers Program. He stated that the 3 initiatives that are on the agenda were on the fast track to success and that he was receiving positive feedback on each. The chairman then asked the members for input on any other issues they felt needed to be addressed.

Discussion took place on the funding challenges with the Custom Fit Program. The chairman outlined the main objectives of the SBIR initiative, which were (a) to get Utah companies to apply to the program, and (b) to secure funding of for promotion and salary for 1 person to manage the program. Rich Nelson suggested that industry representatives needed to be involved as point persons and advisors on the initiative. This was agreed upon.

The chairman stated that he would email members with updates on UTIC initiatives as they come up on the Legislative agenda.

Committee Reports: The chairman reported on the Business Attraction Committee. He stated that he believes the window is closing on the California opportunity, particularly due to the appointment of the new Governor. He therefore believes that spending additional resources to try and attract companies to come to Utah may not be worthwhile anymore.

Other Business: The chairman informed the members of the Economic Development Initiative that is currently underway as a joint effort between the University of Utah, Utah State University and the Salt Lake Chamber. He stated that many of the issues that they are addressing fits into the UTIC agenda, he therefore believes that it would be of benefit to invite the University Presidents to make a presentation to the Council on what they are doing. This was agreed upon.

Next Meeting: The next UTIC meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 23rd.

Adjournment: The meeting was then adjourned at 9:30am.